

Lib. M. house of Thomas Cresap of Baltimore County on Tuesday the Twenty Ninth day of January Last and that about two hours within Night a Considerable number of People being at least Twenty in Number as he verily beleives came in a Violent manner & required the Doors to be opened and the said Cresap to Surrender himselfe to them, one of them Swearing he was Sheriff of Lancaster County And others saying that they were to be Supported in their proceedings by one Em-merson a Lawyer in Pensylvania and that they were then fifty Men & if they were not Enough they would have five hundred there next Morning to take the said Cresap. That the said Cresap declared his house was his Castle and he would Defend it, upon which some of the said persons Swore they would over-sett the house of the said Cresap and others that they would burn it. That some of them Endeavoured to force open the Door and enter into the said house with the said Cresap this Deponent and others that were in the house Endeavoured to prevent. That severall of the said persons forced the Door off the hinges and were forceably and Violently coming into the house upon which the said Cresap Discharged a Gun Amongst them and beleives wounded one of them That one of The said persons came forceably into the house and Assaulted the said Cresap. That some of them Seized this Deponent but upon his Asking them what they Intended to do and telling them that he was a Stranger they let him go. That one William Linville was amongst the said Persons Armed with a Gun and Another of them had a Pistol which he snapped at the said Cresap or one of the People that were in the house with him who stood close together which Pistol or Another was Dropt and taken up near the said Cresaps Door that one or more of the said Persons several times said and Swore they would hang the said Cresap and burn his house & all that were in it. This Deponent thinks that the said Linville was painted after the manner the Indians Paint themselves. That the said Persons Continued at the house of the said Cresap above an hour, And that they continued to Threaten the said Cresap while they Stayed. That this Deponent was at the house of one James Pattison of Conestogoe in the Christmas Holydays and speaking of his Intention to Settle in Maryland and some People there to Discourage this Deponent therefrom and to Insinuate the Danger of his so Settling as this Deponent understood Declared that there were Disciplined men Enough in Donegal to beat all Maryland and further saith not.

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